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**FAVOR WIPING OUT
BOROUGH REGIMES**

Members of Meyer Committee Believe City Administration Overhauled.

WOULD ABOLISH JOBS

Duplication of Duties and Extravagant System Noted in Inquiry.

BROWN SIFTS EVIDENCE

Senator Meyer Denies He Was Scolded by Gov. Miller in Their Interview.

Eliot R. Brown, acting as chief counsel for the Meyer investigating committee, received yesterday the evidence so far prepared by subcommittees and associate counsel in the inquiry into municipal affairs. Mr. Brown spent the day going over several cases looking for weak spots or new leads in preparation for the hearings which are to begin next week in City Hall.

Even at this early stage in the proceedings, before the committee has finished its superficial survey of the municipal government, it is understood there is strong belief among the members that the borough administration as now constituted should be wiped out entirely.

Duplication of duties and great expenses result from the system of separate administrative heads with a complete set of departments and bureaus for each of the five boroughs. This system is a relic of the days before consolidation of the several boroughs under one city government. The Borough President's office retained many of their old bureaus, all of which are manned fully with political favorites.

Write nothing even approaching a formal decision has been reached on this subject, it is said that several members of the committee have expressed a conviction that these and several other important offices will be abolished before the charter revision is completed.

No word came from Mr. Brown regarding his opinion of the case prepared up to date by the committee. While he was going through the testimony that has been taken two subcommittees continued examining witnesses from several departments. Subpoenas were issued for a score or more city employees in various departments who are to be questioned during the next few days.

Senator Meyer returned to the headquarters at 38 Park Row following his interview with Gov. Miller. He denied he had been scolded by the Governor and then said:

"I am impressed with the excitement of the city administration. What are they so panic about? Can it be they are afraid of the approaching public hearings? Is it an attempt to draw the old red herring or an attempt to protect a red herring?"

Max Hirschstein, who is employed as assistant sergeant-at-arms for the committee and who was charged by Samuel Buchler, Deputy Commissioner of Markets, with making a threat of violence in connection with showing up the record of Karl Sohr, the ex-convict employed by the committee as investigator, was still on the committee's payroll yesterday. His conduct had not been investigated, it was explained.

**41 DIVORCES GROUND OUT
AT RATE OF FOUR AN HOUR**

Typewritten Quiz Handed Each Principal and Justices Call Halt When Lawyers Seek to Delay "Standardized Trials" as Fashioned in Supreme Court.

Standardized divorce trials in which each plaintiff was asked virtually the same questions from a typewritten list furnished to their attorneys by the court, were recited off with clocklike precision in the Supreme Court yesterday. Justices Guy, Cohan and Gavegan hearing forty-one undefended cases of a total of 137 on the calendar. The others will be disposed of during the week, when Justice Guy, before whom the calendar was called, will have the aid of two other Justices.

Yesterday each case occupied only from fifteen to twenty minutes. As the plaintiff took the stand, his or her lawyer was handed the list of typewritten questions to bring out the facts required as a basis for the action, and the Justices showed little patience with attorneys who tried to go beyond them. Then a witness or two would tell of a raiding party, a lawyer would tell of serving a summons and complaint and of the non-appearance of the defendant, the Justice would ask counsel to submit papers.

**DEMOCRATS ARE SPLIT
ON PARTY CHAIRMAN**

Upstate Leaders May Block Van Namee.

The Democratic State Committee will hold a special meeting at the Hotel Commodore to-morrow, and the dislike of William H. Kelley and other up-State leaders for Tammany Hall and former Gov. Alfred E. Smith is expected to prevent the election of George Van Namee, former Public Service Commissioner, as chairman to succeed W. W. Farley. But it is expected also that Tammany Hall and Mr. Smith will be able to prevent the election of the up-State man, William H. Fitzpatrick of Buffalo, so that the man who does succeed Mr. Farley probably will be one whose name has not previously been mentioned.

Besides electing a chairman, the State committee will elect a secretary to succeed A. E. Hoyt, who resigned just prior to the last election, and will also fix the basis of representation for State and Judiciary conventions. Calls will also be issued for the Judiciary conventions and for the State convention to nominate a candidate for Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals. So far as the basis of representation is concerned it is likely to be fixed at two from each Assembly district for sovereignty and an additional one for each 2,500 votes cast for the last Democratic candidate for Governor.

Among the men being considered for the chairmanship are Herbert Pell, who served in the last Congress from a New York city district, but whose residence in Tuxedo would make it possible to class him as an up-State man; Charles E. Treman of Ithaca; Charles Norris of Carthage; Edward Corning of Albany; T. Harvey Ferris of Utica; former Lieut.-Gov. Harry E. Walker of Binghamton; Francis Hopkins of Binghamton; L. F. Desbeker of Buffalo and W. H. Kelley of Syracuse.

Van Namee's friends say the drive against him on the ground that he is a Tammany man, because he has started the practice of law here, is most unjust.

3 WOMEN ELUDE TROOPERS.

Police, State troopers and guards searched vainly yesterday for three prisoners who escaped Monday night from the State Reformatory for Women at Bedford. They escaped during a heavy fog while returning to their cottage from a moving picture show. First reports said five fled, but that two were captured. Major Amos T. Baker, the superintendent, denied this.

**MAIMED MEN MARCH
AS PLEA FOR RELIEF**

Poppy Covered Grave on Float Is Another Reminder in Detroit Parade.

DETROIT, June 28.—Representatives of the nation's war disabled marched here to-day in a parade intended as a mute appeal to the country for more speedy relief for American wounded.

The parade, held in connection with the first convention of the American disabled veterans of the world war, was headed by a float depicting a poppy covered grave in Flanders field, in memory of war dead.

Several thousand disabled soldiers marched or rode in the parade. A number of floats depicted the rehabilitation work being carried on by the Federal Board for Vocational Training.

At the first business session to-day John G. Emery, new head of the American Legion, pledged his organization to consider disabled soldiers first. Major Louis Dubreuil, French military attaché at Washington, was a speaker.

To-morrow morning's business session will be devoted to adoption of a national constitution, selection of permanent headquarters and passing of resolutions. Resolutions expected to be adopted include those urging Congress to speed passage of laws providing relief for disabled service men and women.

Judge Roberts S. Marx of Cincinnati, president of the association, and Ralph A. Horr of Seattle are the only ones so far mentioned for the next president. The election is set for Thursday, the final day of the convention.

**BERGER IS DEFEATED
IN ATTACK ON LEGION**

Wanted to Forbid Socialists to Belong to Posts.

DETROIT, June 28.—The conservative leaders controlling the Socialist national convention continued their platform making to-day by tabling resolutions dealing with political action, mass action, direct action, immediate demands and sabotage. They refused to take any action either endorsing or condemning the Soviet form of government and killed a resolution to forbid Socialist Representatives in Congress voting for military or naval appropriations.

A resolution forbidding Socialists to belong to chambers of commerce was tabled after Berger had moved to add the American Legion, Ku Klux Klan and Civic Liberties League.

**RUSH FOR LIFE BELTS
WHEN FERRYBOAT IS HIT**

Tanker Polarine Back Into Side of "The Bronx."

Passengers on the municipal ferryboat The Bronx had a bad scare and four were injured slightly yesterday when the oil tanker Polarine crashed into her while backing in the fog off St. George. The blow was a glancing one and serious damage to the ferryboat was averted. It ripped open about thirty-five feet of bow starboard side above the water line and part of the promenade deck was torn away.

When the collision came there was serious danger of a panic for a few minutes, with men and women scrambling for life belts, but policemen on board aided in quieting them.

The Bronx was able to make her pier under her own power. The Polarine proceeded on her voyage to Texas City.

**SHACKLETON GOING
TO SOUTH ATLANTIC**

To Visit Little Known Islands, Studying Flora and Fauna.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, June 28.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, who commanded the British Antarctic expedition in 1907-09—which reached within ninety-seven miles of the south pole—and also the Antarctic expedition in 1914-16, will be the leader on a new voyage of discovery covering 50,000 miles of uncharted sections of the southern Atlantic, the Pacific and Antarctic seas. He will sail from the port of London the end of August in a 300 ton ship, named The Quest. He will have with him a small picked staff, including six companions of former Polar expeditions. The Daily Mail publishes this announcement.

The expedition will be called the Shackleton-Rossett Oceanographical and Antarctic Expedition. The Quest will be equipped for every branch of scientific research and will touch at various little known islands, where the flora and fauna and geological structure will be studied and photographed. A specially constructed scaplan will be taken and air currents will be charted.

The first objective will be the Salvages, a group of rocky islands in the Atlantic between the Canary and Madeira Islands; thence the vessel will proceed for St. Paul's Rocks, a little known island on the equator; thence to Trinidad, where Shackleton in 1901 saw the great petrified forest, which will be explored.

Shackleton will then go to Tristan da Cunha, in the South Atlantic, and Gough's Island, eight miles long and 4,000 feet high, which has been only once visited before, by the Bruce expedition in 1904, when four unknown species of birds were observed.

Soundings will be taken of the ocean plateau about Gough's Island in an endeavor to settle the surmises regarding an underwater continental connection between Africa and America.

The vessel will continue on to Cape Town, whence begins the exploration of Antarctic regions where no keel has been in the last ninety years. Enderby Land will be visited. This is a large tract, but whether a continent or an island is unknown, as its limits remain unmarked. If the Quest succeeds in getting through the pack ice interest centres in whether she will come upon volcanoes or open seas.

The vessel will emerge from the Antarctic by the Weddell Sea and call at the South Sandwich Islands and South Georgia. She will then proceed eastward and make landings at various sub-Antarctic islands, such as Bouvet Island and Heard Island.

The next country to attract The Quest will be New Zealand, and the Pacific will be dredged for the lost Island of Tasmal, which has been mentioned in old nautical records and native legends, but has since disappeared. The party will search for Dougherty Island, whose existence and position are doubtful.

The Quest, which is now at Southampton, is 111 feet long, has 25 feet breadth of beam and 12 feet in depth. Her sides are two feet thick and her bows are of solid oak sheathed with steel.

GUATEMALA KEEPS ITS BEANS.

GUATEMALA CITY, June 28.—Because of the constantly increasing cost of food stuffs, the Government also issued a decree placing restrictions on the exportations of cattle and beans.

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